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INTIMATIONS

by wife and generous concessions will win

back the Chinese to allegiance and accom-

plish the pacification of the island without

much further bloodshed.

To the Philippines the task before the

Spaniards is less tremendous and the danger,

for the time, at least, less serious. The

insurgents are certainly much more de-

termined than was at first supposed, and

the spirit of discontent with Spanish

rule is more widespread; but the resources

of the rebels are small and their

means of securing new supplies very

limited. On the other hand the country is

difficult and can be easily held by thinly

dispaced natives against the Spanish troops,

who are not accustomed and labour under

the disadvantages of heavy impedimenta and

inability to subsist on the light and easily

obtained fare which suffices for the rebels.

Most of the reinforcements sent from Spain

consist, too, of raw recruits who neither

understand their drill nor have any facility

as marksmen. The natives, on the other

hand, are often expert shots and have on

several occasions done great execution with

their inferior weapons of precision. Never-

theless the chances are strongly in favour

of the ultimate success of the Spaniards inas-

much as there are still many influential na-

tive communities who remain loyal to Spanish

rule. Another great source of uneasiness

to Spain has, it is said, also been removed:

we allude to the possible attitude of Japan

on the subject. According, however, to a

Spanish telegram, "the Japanese Legation at

Madrid has addressed a note to the

"Spanish Government stating that Japan

"will never afford support to those compro-

mitted in the rebellion in the Philippines."

This assurance must have been peculiarly

acceptable to the Spanish Government at a

time when a little encouragement from Japan

would suffice to keep the insurgents not

only alive but vigorous. The Philippines

are racially allied to the Japanese and would

in all probability welcome the transfer of the

islands to the rule of the MIKADO. Nothing

would be easier than for the Japanese to

introduce both men and material into the

islands, and if they chose to do it openly

the days of Spanish rule would

undoubtedly soon be numbered. Japan is

credited with a hankering for the islands,

and probably has a proper appreciation of

their value. But whatever may be the views

of Japanese Ministers as regards the future,

they certainly do not entertain any present

designs on the Philippines. They have

